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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOPP ET AL.

Examiner

Viet Q. Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/11/2001
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Janus Biegaj et al. (U.S. 6,091,730), hereinafter referred to as Janus.

Regarding claim 4, Janus disclosed a method for operating interface modules in an ATM communication device (See Fig. 2), wherein each of the interface modules is specified as one of active and redundant (See Fig. 2, blocks 211 and 213), and wherein the interface modules are connected to a central control unit (See Fig. 2), the method comprising the steps of:

providing control commands for establishment and clearing of at least one virtual connection (See column 6, lines 16-17); and

transmitting the control commands approximately simultaneously from the central control unit to the active and the redundant interface modules (See column 4, lines 4-8, 54-57; column 7, lines 9-13, 49-59);

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wherein the central control unit is not notified by the redundant interface modules of respective receipt of the control commands (See column 7, lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 5, Janus disclosed a method as described in claim 4 no additional synchronization of the redundant and active interface modules is performed (See column 4, lines 4-8; column 7, lines 9-13).

Regarding claim 6, Janus disclosed a method as described in claim 4, wherein the procedures provided for controlling the active and redundant interface modules are processed approximately concurrently (See column 4, lines 54-57; column 7, lines 9-13).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a) Jonathan L. Bosloy et al. (U.S. 6,714,544), Method and apparatus for proxied signaling of an end-to-end connection across a connection oriented network.

b) David J. Greaves et al. (U.S. 6,111,858), Proxy-controlled ATM sub network.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2246. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM -5 PM.

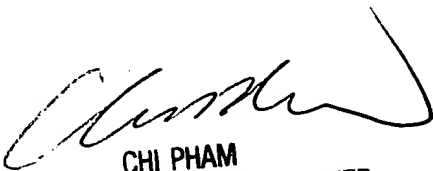
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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